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For: METHODS OF TREATING SCHIZOPHRENIA

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS RCE
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This amendment is in response to the final Office Action dated December 15, 2004, for which a response was due on March 15, 2005, and for which a Notice of Appeal was filed on June 15, 2005. A response was due on August 15, 2005. Filed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and this Amendment. Also filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a five (5) month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to January 15, 2006.

Accordingly, this response is timely filed. The considered claims, claims 1-3, 5-6, 9-12, 19-36, and 44 are pending. Claims 19-36 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-3, 5-6, 9-12, 19-36, and 44 are rejected.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection and objection. The following amendments and remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.